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The Committee concludes that there will be no military attack on the United States or its overseas forces in the near future. Subjects of immediate concern are discussed below.

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#### I. Southeast Asia

The Cambodian government is faced with the most serious threat it has yet encountered. The continued survival of the government clearly depends on rapidly regaining its ability to move essential supplies up the Mekong, while maintaining the security of Pochentong airfield. Communist pressure in the capital area poses a threat to Phnom Penh defenses and serves to hamper FANK attempts to reinforce its units along the lower Mekong.

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In South Vietnam, there was no upsurge in Communist military activity during Tet. We believe that Communist main force units will continue their preparations for major attacks in the coming weeks.

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#### II. <u>Middle East</u>

Recent Egyptian and Israeli statements indicate a willingness to continue efforts toward a Middle East settlement, and we consider it very unlikely that Syria, Egypt or Israel will initiate military action during the present diplomatic efforts. Unless progress is made soon, however, the risk of renewed hostilities will increase. Both the Arabs and Israelis remain in position to resume large-scale fighting with little warning.

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#### III. Cyprus

Major Turkish military action on Cyprus appears unlikely for the time being. The unilateral declaration of autonomy for the Turkish portion of the island will increase tensions, however, and a serious incident could result in renewed fighting.

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IV. USSR-Eastern Europe

We see no indications of hostile intent in the military activity of the USSR or other Warsaw Pact nations.

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